



Eleventh Meeting of the Waigani Convention

Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Virtual – Apia, Samoa
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Agenda item 2: Organisation of the Meeting

Purpose of paper:

1. To explain the rules of procedure for the conduct of the Meeting and to elect officials.

Background:

2. This note contains information for the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the election of officers of the Conference of the Parties of the Waigani Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region.

Officers of the Conference of the Parties

3. Paragraphs 1-4 of Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure for the Conference of the Parties, as adopted in its first meeting in 2002 sets out the following requirements for the election of officers.

Rule 19:

1. At the commencement of the first session of each ordinary meeting, a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Rapporteur are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties by a simple majority vote.
2. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson shall remain in office until such successors are elected at the next ordinary meeting and shall serve in that capacity at any intervening extraordinary meetings.
3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Rapporteur may also exercise the rights of a representative, including the right to vote, unless there is an alternate representative of the same Party present.
4. At the first session of each ordinary meeting, the Chairperson of the previous ordinary meeting, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairperson, shall preside until the meeting has elected a Chairperson for the Meeting.

4. At the tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected one Chairperson, one Vice-Chairperson and one Rapporteur from among the representatives present at the meeting to serve as officers from the beginning of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties until the beginning of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as follows:
- President: Mr Soseala Tinelau (Tuvalu)
 - Vice-President: Mr Veari Kula (Papua New Guinea)
 - Rapporteur: Secretariat (SPREP)
5. In accordance with the rules of procedure, the officers elected at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties also served for any intervening extraordinary meeting.
6. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Rule 19 of the rules of procedure, at the tenth session of each ordinary meeting, the President of the previous ordinary meeting, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chairperson, shall preside until the meeting has elected a Chairperson for the Meeting.
7. There are 13 Parties to the Convention: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Previous Presidents and Vice-Presidents have been:

Meeting	Chairperson	Vice Chairperson
1 st Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2002	New Zealand	Samoa
2 nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2004	Tonga	Niue
3 rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2006	Niue	Kiribati
4 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2008	PNG	Tonga
5 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2010	Samoa	Vanuatu
6 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2012	Australia	Fiji
7 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2014	Tonga	Tuvalu
8 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2015	New Zealand	FSM
9 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2017	Cook Islands	FSM
10 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties 2019	Tuvalu	PNG

Recommendation:

8. The Parties are invited to:
- 1) **elect** a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Rapporteur who will oversee the proceedings of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
